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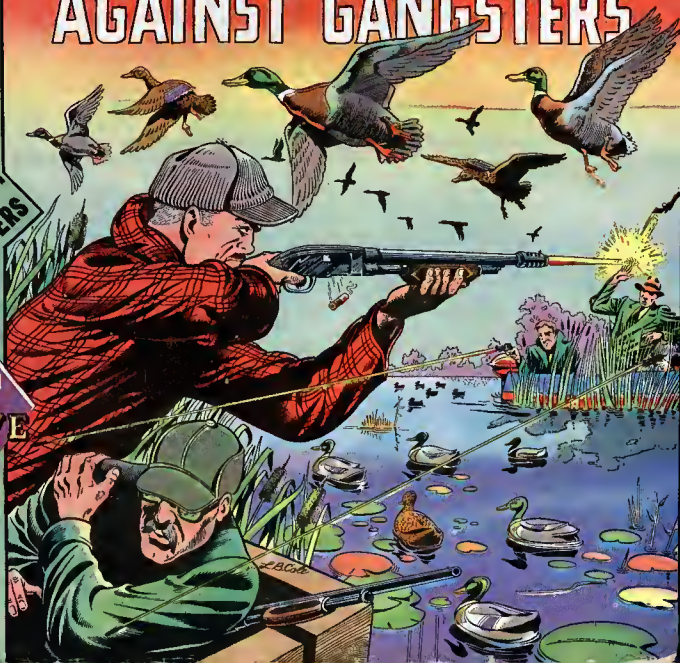
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THE EDITORS WRITE:

Dear Readers:

Here's something important to remember in March — important enough to deserve extra-big type:

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Cordially yours,
THE EDITORS

THE READERS WRITE:

Dear Editors:

I have just finished your third issue of GUNS AGAINST GANGSTERS. It is even better than the other two.

I think "Toni Gayle" is the best story in your book. And I like her father, Gregory Gayle. His adventures are always exciting.

"True Lives of Crime" is terrible. I think it should be taken out, and in its place, Toni and Greg should work on a case together.

I am starting to buy all the Curtis-Distributed books. I always thought that your company should publish a thick twenty-five cent magazine with "Dick Cole," "Gary Stark," and "Young King Cole" stories in it.

A faithful fan,
Bob Wells
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Editors:

I have just read your third issue. I like "Toni Gayle" very much. But you should have at least about three more stories. I like the colors of the pages very much because they are exciting. And I also like "Crime Run-Down." It

is a very exciting figuring out who the criminal is.

A friend of yours,
Nina Scardino
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Sirs:

I think that "The Gunmaster" is the best story in your book because he is a fast-working criminologist who thinks and shoots straight. I also like Captain Glimm and the Gunmaster in "Crime Run-Down."

I would also like to read of a few different kinds of rifles on your Gun Page.

Your faithful reader,
Herbert Queller
New York, New York

Dear Editors:

"Toni Gayle" makes a hit with me, and I think her stories are the best in the book. Please continue printing them. It goes to show (especially the boys), girls aren't as weak as they look.

A very faithful reader,
Ann Travis
Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania

Dear Editors:

I have just read a book about "Toni Gayle." I think it's wonderful. I like it because it shows that a girl detective is as good as a man. So please keep printing the wonderful GUNS AGAINST GANGSTERS.

A faithful reader,
Doris Ann Wells
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Editors:

I like your new comic GUNS AGAINST GANGSTERS because it contains two starring characters in one book. The characters of whom I speak are, namely, Toni Gayle and Gregory Gayle, her father.

I hope my letter encourages you to keep up the good work.

A sincere reader,
Casimir J. Balinski
Brooklyn 11, New York

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GUNMASTER

GREGORY GAYLE

THE HUNTERS BECOME THE HUNTED
WHEN THE GUNMASTER PITS HIS GUN
LORE AND SKILL AGAINST A COVEY
OF VENGEFUL KILLERS!



FOR FIVE LONG YEARS "BUGSY" KEELER,
EX-PUBLIC ENEMY NUMBER ONE, HAS STORED
UP HATE BEHIND PRISON BARS. NOW THE
EMBITTERED GANGSTER IS AT LAST FREE...

HIVA, BUGSY! I ROUNDED
UP DA OLD GANG FER A
COMIN' OUT PARTY!

THE ONLY PARTY
I WANT IS A SHOOTIN'
PARTY!



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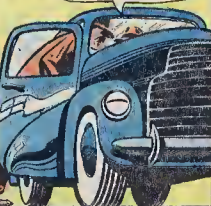
JUDGE BARR SENT ME TO JAIL!
I MEAN TO SEND THE OLD
BUZZARD TO THE MORGUE...
THE SOONER THE BETTER!



I FIGGERED DAT,
BOSS! WE KEPT
CLDSE TABS
ON BARR!



YEAH! HE'S GOIN'
DUCK HUNTIN' AT
HIS HUNT CLUB
TOMORROW! HE'LL BE
OUT IN DA MARSHES
ALL BY HIMSELF!



GREAT!
A GODD CHANCE
TO BUMP HIM
OFF!



WE'LL
BE WAITIN'
FER HIM WHEN
DA SUN
RISES!

HA! THE JUDGE IS
GOIN' DUCK HUNTIN'...
BUT HE'S GONNA BE
THE DEAD DUCK!



MEANWHILE, JUDGE BARR RUNS INTO GREGORY GAYLE IN A GUN SHOP...

GAYLE! JUST THE MAN I WANTED TO SEE!
HOW ABOUT SOME DUCK HUNTING TOMORROW
MORNING?



HELP ME TRY OUT
MY NEW STEVENS
REPEATING SHOTGUN!



IT'S A DATE, JUDGE! BUT YOU'LL
HAVE TO PUT A PLUG IN THE
MAGAZINE FIRST!



THE STEVENS HOLDS
SIX SHELLS BUT ANY
GUN USED ON MIGRATORY
DUCKS IS NOT SUPPOSED
TO HOLD MORE THAN
THREE SHELLS!



RIGHT! I'LL PLUG
THE MAGAZINE.
WOULDN'T DO
FOR A JUDGE TO
BREAK A FEDERAL
GAME LAW!

The next issue of this magazine will go on sale

May 11

— Don't miss it.

JUDGE BARR PUTS THE PLUG IN THE GUN AND, NEXT MORNING AT DAWN...

AH! IT'S GREAT TO BE OUT IN THE OPEN, ALL ALONE! NOT A PERSON WITHIN MILES!

THE BLIND IS JUST AHEAD, JUDGE!



THE AREA IS MORE HEAVILY POPULATED THAN THE JUDGE REALIZES.

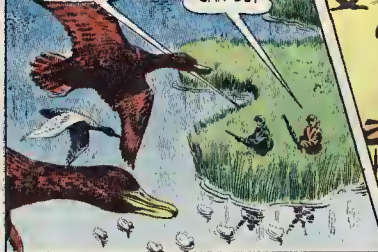
I GOT DA BOYS SPREAD OUT. WE GOT 'EM SURROUNDED EXCEPT FOR DA WATERSIDE!

THEY CAN'T SWIM FASTER THAN BULLETS. THE JUDGE AND HIS PAL ARE TRAPPED, BUT GOOD!



HERE COME THE DUCKS!

GOOD! LET'S SEE WHAT THE STEVENS CAN DO!



HUMPH! I MISSED!

CRACK!
CRACK!



NUTS! I MISSED, TOO!

GREAT SCOTT!



BE CAREFUL, IDIOTS! YOU ALMOST HIT ME! WHERE ARE YOU ANYWAY!



WE'RE ALL AROUND YOU, JUDGE!

OH!

CRACK!



GUNS AGAINST GANGSTERS

QUICK! GET DOWN! YOU'RE A PERFECT TARGET UP THERE!



THIS TIME BUGSY KEELER IS PASSIN' SENTENCE ON JUDGE BARR! SUDDEN DEATH, IT IS, YOU OLD VULTURE!

BUGSY KEELER! I'M AFRAID I GOT YOU IN A JAM, GREG!



THAT ARM NEEDS A DOCTOR'S CARE. HOLD 'EM OFF, JUDGE, WHILE I SNAKE THROUGH THE REEDS TO THE WATER!



SLITHERING LIKE A SNAKE TO THE WATER'S EDGE, GREG MAKES A DISCOVERY...

AN OLD DUCK BOAT, BIG ENOUGH TO HOLD ONE, AND THE CURRENT, OUT THERE WILL CARRY THE BOAT CLOSE TO THE CLUBHOUSE!



GREG RETURNS TO THE JUDGE, AND LEADS HIM TO THE BOAT.

INTO THE BOAT, JUDGE, FAST! THOSE YEGGS WILL CHARGE ANY MINUTE NOW! I'LL SHOVE YOU INTO THE CURRENT!



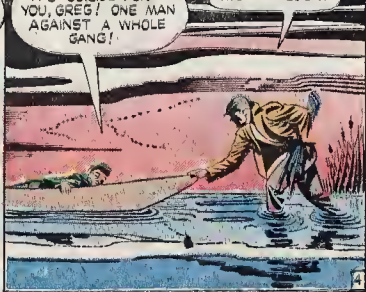
BUT I'LL BE OUT IN THE OPEN... AN EASY TARGET FOR THEM!

GIVE ME YOUR GUN AND AMMUNITION. I'LL KEEP 'EM SO BUSY THEY WON'T EVEN SEE YOU!



IT'S SUICIDE FOR YOU, GREG! ONE MAN AGAINST A WHOLE GANG!

WISH ME LUCK!



The more dangerous and evil the criminal, the greater the credit to his conqueror.

GREG STARTLES THE GANGSTERS WITH A SUDDEN CHARGE!
IF I KEEP 'EM HOPPIN', THEY MAY NOT NOTICE THE JUDGE TILL HE'S OUT OF SHOOTING RANGE!



WHO IS THIS GUY! WE'LL MURDER HIM!

JUDGIN' BY DA WAY HE SHOOTS, HE MUST BE DA GUNMASTER!

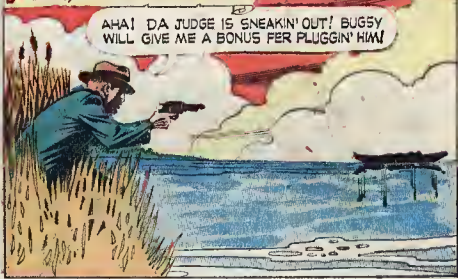


GREG'S PLAN IS WORKING! THEY HAVEN'T SEEN ME YET!



FINALLY, A THUG SPOTS THE BOAT!

AHA! DA JUDGE IS SNEAKIN' OUT! BUGSY WILL GIVE ME A BONUS FER PLUGGIN' HIM!



SIT DOWN, RAT! YOU'RE THROUGH SHOOTING FOR TODAY!



GREG'S DEADLY FIRE KEEPS THE CRIMINALS ON THE RUN!

DON'T SHOW YOUR HEAD! DAT GUY DON'T MISS!

AND THE JUDGE IS GETTIN' AWAY! BLAST IT! WE GOTTA DO SOMETHIN'!



GUNS AGAINST GANGSTERS

WHEN GREG'S STEADY FIRE HAS USED UP ALL HIS OWN AMMUNITION, HE SHOOTS THE STEVENS SHOTGUN.

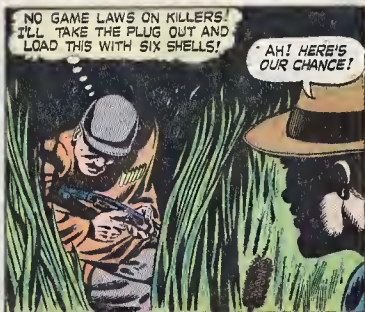
THE JUDGE OUGHT TO BE SAFELY OUT OF THEIR RANGE NOW!

CRACK
CRACK

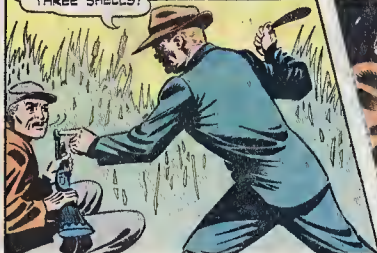


NO GAME LAWS ON KILLERS. I'LL TAKE THE PLUG OUT AND LOAD THIS WITH SIX SHELLS!

AH! HERE'S OUR CHANCE!

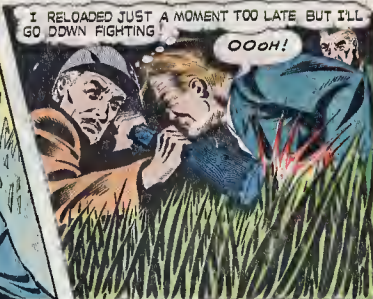


JUMP 'IM WHILE HE'S RELOADIN'. GOOD THING THAT CRUMMY GUN ONLY HOLDS THREE SHELLS!



I RELOADED JUST A MOMENT TOO LATE BUT I'LL GO DOWN FIGHTING!

OOOH!



AT LEAST WE GOT ONE OF 'EM, BOSS!

BAH! I WANT THE JUDGE!



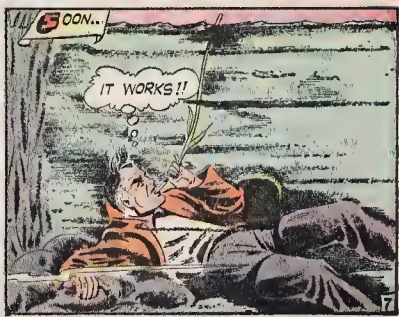
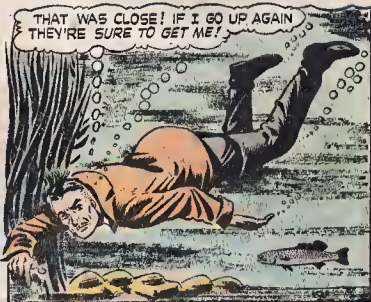
BUT GREG IS STILL PARTLY CONSCIOUS!

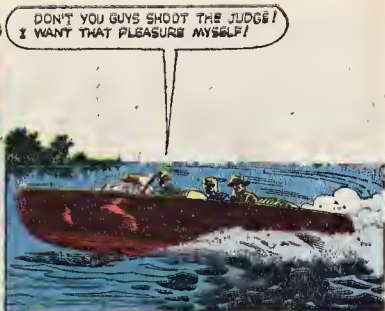
LUCKY WE GOT OUT HERE BY SPEEDBOAT. WE CAN CATCH BARR EASY!

OH-OH! A SPEEDBOAT! I DIDN'T FIGURE ON THAT!



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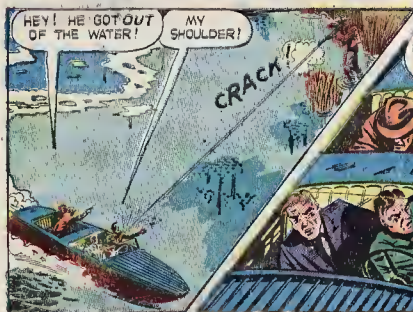


HEARING THE SPEEDBOAT'S MOTOR, GREG EMERGES FROM THE WATER.

THERE THEY GO! I'VE GOT TO STOP THEM WITH THE STEVENS SHOTGUN!

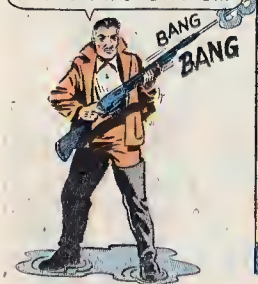


JUST WHERE I DROPPED IT! AND FULLY LOADED! I'LL FIX THE CHOKE AND MAKE THE SHOT PATTERN SMALLER FOR SOME REAL SHARPSHOOTING!



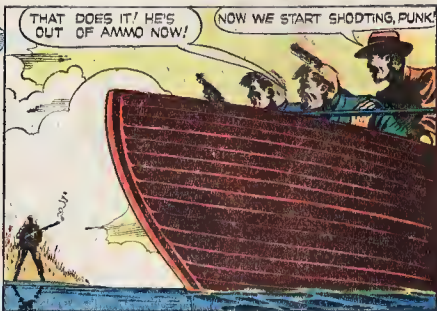
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I'LL FIRE TWO MORE SHOTS.
THEY DON'T KNOW I HAVE SIX!



THAT DOES IT! HE'S
OUT OF AMMO NOW!

NOW WE START SHOOTING, PUNK!



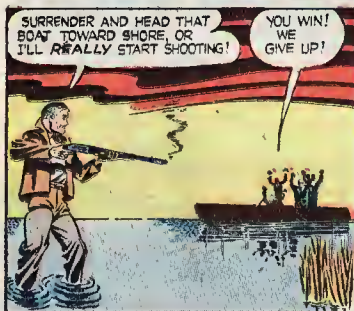
HEY! THE RAT TRICKED US!

YEOW! MORE SHELLS
IN DA GUN!



SURRENDER AND HEAD THAT
BOAT TOWARD SHORE, OR
I'LL REALLY START SHOOTING!

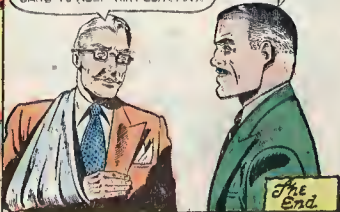
YOU WIN!
WE
GIVE UP!



GREG TAKES OVER THE BOAT, PICKS UP JUDGE
BARR, AND SPEEDS HIM TO A DOCTOR. LATER...

BUGSY IS BACK IN PRISON,
FOR A LONG, LONG TIME!
THIS TIME HE'S GOT HIS
GANG TO KEEP HIM COMPANY!

ALL IN ALL
A VERY GOOD
DAY'S HUNTING!

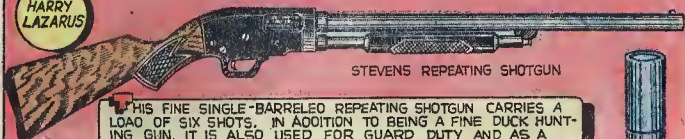


GUNS AGAINST GANGSTERS

THE VERSATILE STEVENS REPEATING SHOTGUN

THE DUCK HUNTER'S DELIGHT

BY
HARRY
LAZARUS

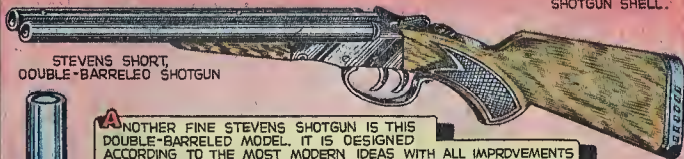


STEVENS REPEATING SHOTGUN

THIS FINE SINGLE-BARRELED REPEATING SHOTGUN CARRIES A LOAD OF SIX SHOTS. IN ADDITION TO BEING A FINE DUCK HUNTING GUN, IT IS ALSO USED FOR GUARD DUTY AND AS A RIOT GUN. WITH THE PROPER CARE THIS GUN CAN LAST A LIFETIME.



12 GAUGE
SMOKELESS
SHOTGUN SHELL.

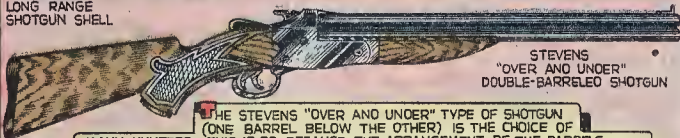


STEVENS SHORT,
DOUBLE-BARRELED SHOTGUN



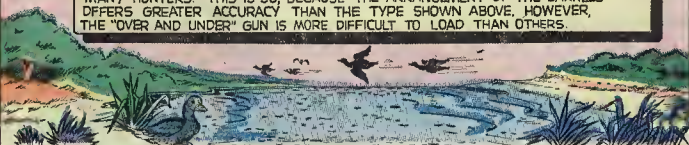
16 GAUGE
LONG RANGE
SHOTGUN SHELL

ANOTHER FINE STEVENS SHOTGUN IS THIS DOUBLE-BARRELED MODEL. IT IS DESIGNED ACCORDING TO THE MOST MODERN IDEAS WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS TO MAKE IT A HIGHLY-DESIRED FIELD AND SKEET GUN. THIS GUN IS DESIGNED TO STAND UP UNDER THE MOST RUGGED CONDITIONS.



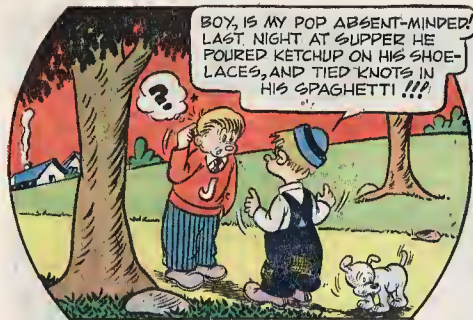
STEVENS
"OVER AND UNDER"
DOUBLE-BARRELED SHOTGUN

THE STEVENS "OVER AND UNDER" TYPE OF SHOTGUN (ONE BARREL BELOW THE OTHER) IS THE CHOICE OF MANY HUNTERS. THIS IS SO, BECAUSE THE ARRANGEMENT OF THE BARRELS OFFERS GREATER ACCURACY THAN THE TYPE SHOWN ABOVE. HOWEVER, THE "OVER AND UNDER" GUN IS MORE DIFFICULT TO LOAD THAN OTHERS.



CAUTION: THE FINEST GUN CAN BECOME A LETHAL WEAPON IN THE WRONG HANDS! THEREFORE, NONE BUT THE EXPERIENCED SHOULD HANDLE IT!

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ANNIE OAKLEY

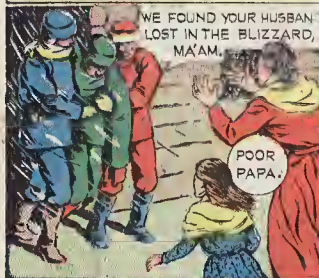
AS A GIRL WAS A FRIENDLESS ORPHAN. BUT, SHE AIMED HIGH AND ROSE TO STAROOM. REMEMBERING HER OWN CHILDHOOD, SHE DEVOTED MUCH OF HER LATER LIFE TO RAISING AND EDUCATING ORPHAN GIRLS.



SHE OFTEN SHATTERED GLASS BALLS IN MID-AIR, MAINTAINING A RECORD OF OVER 900 HITS FOR EVERY 1,000 TRIES.

Wm. Hamonell

PHOEBE ANNIE OAKLEY MÓZEE WAS BORN IN DARKE COUNTY, OHIO, AUG. 13, 1860, THE 6TH OF 8 CHILDREN. IN 1864...



WE FOUND YOUR HUSBAN LOST IN THE BLIZZARD, MA'AM.

POOR PAPA.

ANNIE'S FATHER DIED OF EXPOSURE...



MY CHILDREN ARE FATHERLESS NOW.

I'LL HELP YOU, MOTHER.

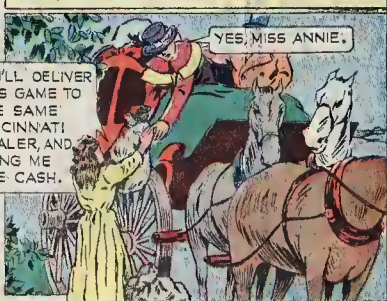
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LEFT MOSTLY TO HERSELF, ANNIE TOOK TO HUNTING IN THE WOODS. SHE WAS A DEAD SHOT, ALMOST FROM THE START.



THANKS TO PAPA'S RIFLE, THERE'LL BE RABBIT FOR SUPPER.

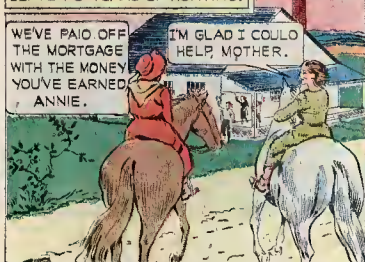
SOON, ANNIE WAS A YOUNG BUSINESS GIRL...



YES, MISS ANNIE.

YOU'LL DELIVER THIS GAME TO THE SAME CINCINNATI DEALER, AND BRING ME THE CASH.

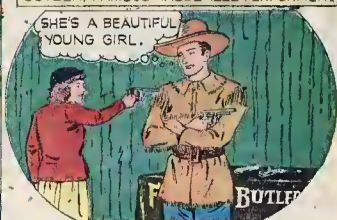
AFTER 5 YEARS OF HUNTING.



WE'VE PAID OFF THE MORTGAGE WITH THE MONEY YOU'VE EARNED, ANNIE.

I'M GLAD I COULD HELP, MOTHER.

WHEN 15, ANNIE WAS TAKEN TO CINCINNATI TO SHOOT A MATCH WITH FRANK E. BUTLER, FAMOUS VAUDEVILLE PERFORMER.



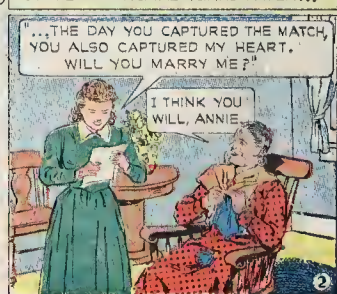
SHE'S A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG GIRL.

PLEASE DON'T FEEL BADLY. I WON BY ONLY ONE POINT.



I COULDN'T HAVE LOST TO A MORE LOVELY OPPONENT.

ANNIE BEGAN RECEIVING LETTERS FROM BUTLER. SEVERAL YEARS LATER...



"...THE DAY YOU CAPTURED THE MATCH, YOU ALSO CAPTURED MY HEART. WILL YOU MARRY ME?"

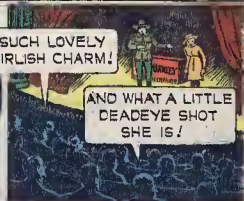
I THINK YOU WILL, ANNIE.

MARRYING BUTLER,
ANNIE TRAVELED
WITH HIM AS HE
TOURED THE
COUNTRY..

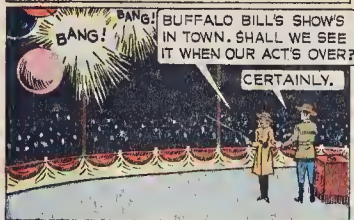


WHEN BUTLER'S ASSISTANT BECAME
ILL, ANNIE TOOK HIS PLACE AND WAS
AN INSTANTANEOUS SUCCESS...

SUCH LOVELY
GIRLISH CHARM!

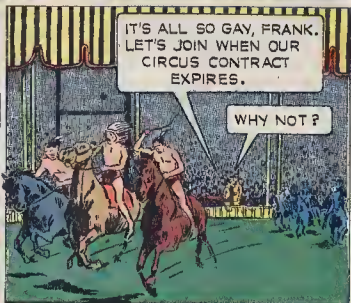


REALIZING ANNIE WAS THE GREATER STAR,
BUTLER QUIT THE ACT AND BECAME HER
MANAGER. WITH A CIRCUS...NEW ORLEANS
...1884...

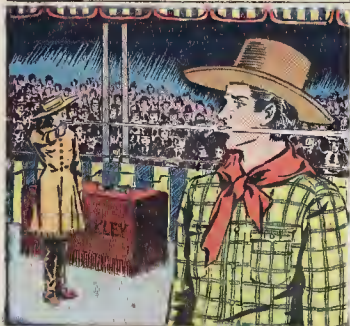


IT'S ALL SO GAY, FRANK.
LET'S JOIN WHEN OUR
CIRCUS CONTRACT
EXPIRES.

WHY NOT?



NEXT YEAR, ANNIE STARTED WITH THE
BUFFALO BILL SHOW...



THEN CAME A EUROPEAN TOUR...IN
ENGLAND..

I ENJOYED YOUR PERFORMANCE
IMMENSELY.

THANK YOU,
YOUR
MAJESTY.

QUEEN VICTORIA
CONGRATULATES
MISS OAKLEY.



Large, easy-to-read lettering in all "balloons" in this magazine.

IN GERMANY, SHE SHOT A CIGARETTE FROM THE LIPS OF THE CROWN PRINCE (WILHELM II).

WEREN'T YOU AFRAID OF INJURING HIS HIGHNESS?

NO. I'VE SHOT CIGARETTES FROM MY HUSBAND'S LIPS, AND HE'S MORE PRECIOUS TO ME.

FOR A LONG TIME IT SEEMED ANNIE'S CAREER WAS OVER...

DO YOU WANT ANYTHING, ANNIE?

YES, PLEASE BRING ME OUR BIBLE. READING IT GIVES ME SUCH COMFORT.

ANNIE'S PERFORMANCE WAS CUT SHORT IN 1901, WHEN SHE WAS IN A TRAIN WRECK.

PLEASE ATTEND THESE WOMEN FIRST. THEY SEEM MORE SEVERELY INJURED.

ALTHOUGH PARTIALLY PARALYZED, ANNIE RECOVERED SUFFICIENTLY TO RESUME HER CAREER, AND ESTABLISHED NEW RECORDS.

HERSELF CHILDLESS, ANNIE RAISED AND EDUCATED 18 ORPHANS...

I THINK OF THEM AS OUR OWN CHILDREN.

SO DO I.

ANNIE OAKLEY ROSE FROM POVERTY TO BECOME A GREAT STAR. MOOEST DESPITE HER FAME, SHE DEDICATED HER LIFE TO MAKING OTHERS HAPPY.





PRIVATE Detective Greg Mason might never have seen a midget auto race if Mr. Welkins, whose entry in the race was the favorite, had not solicited his services. Welkins had received several threats, presumably from gamblers, warning him to withdraw his entry and as a result had called in Greg as bodyguard for himself and his daughter, Grace.

The cars had just completed their trial spins and were lined up before their respective dugouts for last minute instructions. The Welkins car, a vivid splash of crimson, had an enormous "5" on its cowl. Welkins addressed Jim Braden, the driver.

"Try and stay clear of Red Evans, Jim," he said. "That fellow is bad medicine and may try something." Jim Braden's smile faded.

"I'll take care of Evans if he pulls any of his tricks," he said in a steely voice. Grace Welkins lessened the tension in the air by tying a rabbit's foot to the dashboard of the racing car. Everyone smiled.

"Now, Jim," she said softly, "please don't make any trouble. When you need luck, just call on our rabbit's foot." Jim reached forward and fingered the charm piece fondly. It had been with him in every race he had ever driven. Suddenly Braden whirled towards Crane, his mechanic, who was fumbling with the gas tank cap.

"I thought I told you that the tanks were

filled," he said testily. The mechanic reddened and went off muttering. Just then a voice on the loudspeaker requested the drivers to take their places at the starting post and the Welkins party made its way back to the dugout.

The race was a hotly-contested one. From his close vantage point, Greg could see the tense, strained expressions on the faces of the drivers. Red Evans, who was piloting car #3, had a perpetual snarl on his lips. He was a twisting, turning, driving fool, and in his incredible disregard for his own safety, he was equalled only by Jim Braden. The latter, lips set in a hard, thin line, ate up mileage relentlessly. Instinctively, the fans knew that the field had narrowed down to these two old, bitter enemies.

At the halfway mark, the cars paused to refuel. Crane, the mechanic, scurried about busily as Braden got out to stretch his legs. It was shortly after the cars got under way once more that disaster struck. As the leading cars swept into the curve near the grandstand, Greg could see Jim Braden hunch forward in his seat. Suddenly his car and that of Red Evans drew dangerously close. For a second Evans's arm shot out, but it was quickly withdrawn. He barely managed to come out of the curve. Jim Braden was not so lucky. His machine broke through the guard rail, did a series of sickening somersaults and, with a

rending crash came to rest against the wall of the grandstand!

Greg was on his feet and up the steps of the enclosure before the stunned crowd had recovered enough to give a long, low moan. He reached the scene just a few seconds after the ambulance. One look at the doctor's upturned face and Greg knew that Jim Braden was dead!

The body, stretched out grotesquely, was pinned between the car and the grandstand. The back of Braden's skull was badly crushed. Slowly, Greg became aware of an incoherent, angry murmur coming from the stands. It grew more and more insistent. Greg listened closely and finally made it out—"EVANS." The crowd had seen Evans's hand flash out just before the crash. Ten thousand angry witnesses were accusing Red Evans of murdering Jim Braden!

The rest of the race was run in an almost dismal silence. Red Evans won, of course. Still examining the body, Greg saw the police taking Evans into custody. As Greg and the doctor lifted Braden's body from the wreckage, the detective noticed that the dead man's right hand was discolored and swollen. Then he recalled how Braden had hunched forward before taking that last fatal turn. So that was it! Poison! However, a careful search of the racing car interior revealed nothing. Greg was reaching absently for the rabbit's foot which Grace Welkins had tied there, when he stopped short, arm outstretched. His keen eye had detected a pinpoint protruding from the luck charm. Careful examination showed that it was tipped with venom! Gingerly Greg removed the rabbit's foot from the dashboard and slipped it into his pocket. Then he returned to the dugout.

Police Chief Murphy and his squad were already there. Grace Welkins was sobbing softly on her father's shoulder. Crane, the

mechanic, was wiping his hands with a piece of cloth.

"These are just routine questions," Murphy was saying. "It's pretty clear that Evans is guilty of manslaughter."

"Sorry, Chief, but I disagree," interrupted Greg. Everybody turned quizzically to the detective.

"Jim Braden was poisoned," Greg resumed. "When Red Evans put his arm out, Braden was already dead. Red saw that the cars were careening dangerously close and his gesture was instinctive enough." Everyone looked startled.

"This apparently harmless rabbit's foot was the murder instrument," Greg continued. "A pin, dipped in venom, is protruding from it. Just before the fatal turn, as you will recall, Jim Braden leaned forward. He did this to finger his luck charm,—a move which cost him his life." All attention was fostered on Grace Welkins.

"But that isn't the charm I put there," she blurted out. "I can tell the difference by the color."

"You're right, Miss Welkins," spoke Greg. "And besides we all saw Jim handle the charm that you pinned there. He would have died at the start of the race if your rabbit's foot had been poisoned."

"No, only one person could have been the murderer. You'll remember that Jim Braden died right after he left the halfway mark. The only person who went near his car at this time was his mechanic. Crane must have been working with the gamblers who wanted Braden out of the way. He switched the rabbit's foot when he refueled the car, sure that when Braden crashed, his death would be considered accidental."

With a snarl Crane sprang toward Greg, but the ugly snout of the large pistol that Greg shoved in his face made him stop and reconsider.

THE END

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FOOLESTICKS! YOU'LL GET MY ENTIRE FORTUNE... BUT ONLY WHEN I DIE!

(GULP!) THEN IT'S MURDER!



I HEARD PETER AND HIS UNCLE ARGUE JUST BEFORE THE MURDER!



THEY ARGUED MORE. THEN I HEARD A SHOT! I RAN. PETER KILLED HIS UNCLE!

LIAR! I OUGHT TO BOUNCE THIS OFF YOUR HEAD!

STEADY THERE!



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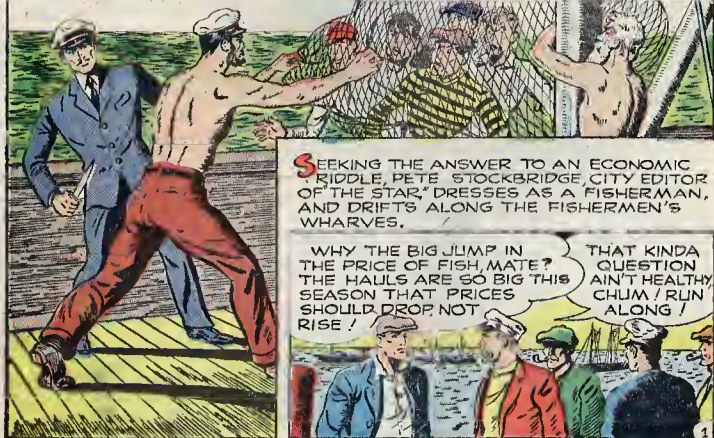
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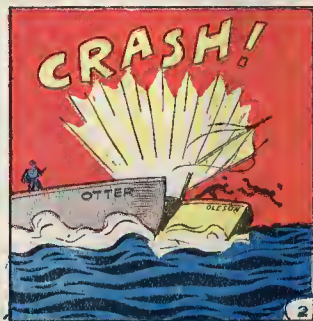
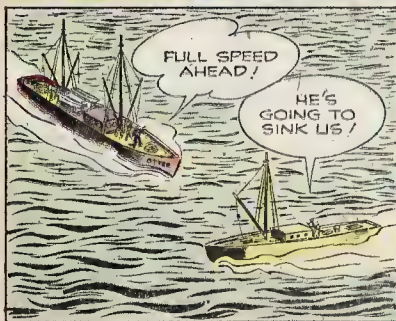
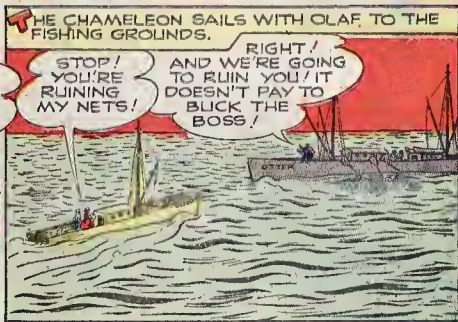
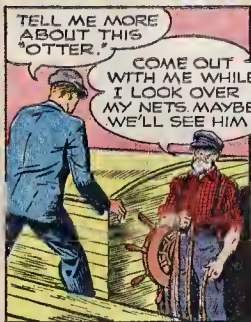
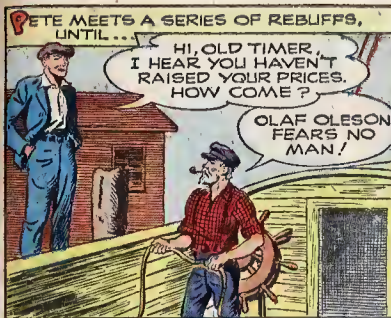
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WHY THE BIG JUMP IN THE PRICE OF FISH, MATE? THE HAULS ARE SO BIG THIS SEASON THAT PRICES SHOULD DROP, NOT RISE!

THAT KINDA QUESTION AIN'T HEALTHY, CHUM! RUN ALONG!

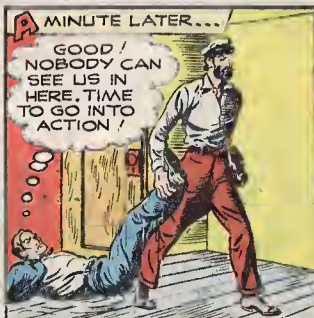


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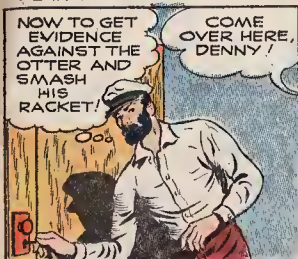


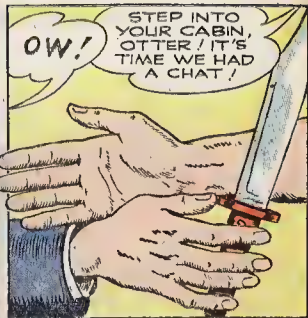
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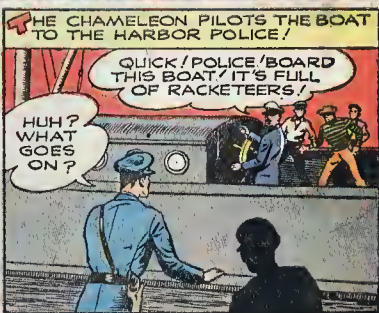




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BELOW
LOOK OUT!



I'M GOING
TO JUMP!

EEEEK!
HANS KLINKER.
ON DER TOWN
HALL STEEPLE!



DON'T
DO IT, HANS!
DON'T!

COME ON, BIFF!
RUBBERNECKING
WITH THE CROWD
WON'T HELP!
LET'S GO AFTER
HIM!



WHILE THE HORRIFIED
CROWD FEARFULLY
WAITS, TONI AND
BIFF RACE UP!



GRAB THAT ROPE,
BIFF! WE'LL HAVE
TO LASSO THIS
MAVERICK!

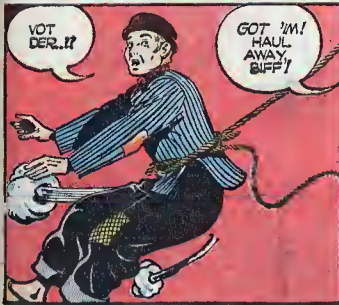
ALL I AM
GOING
TO END!

GOOD! HE'S
STILL THERE!
THIS TOSSE
BETTER
BE GOOD!



VOT
DER..!!

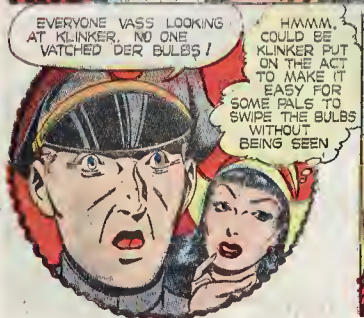
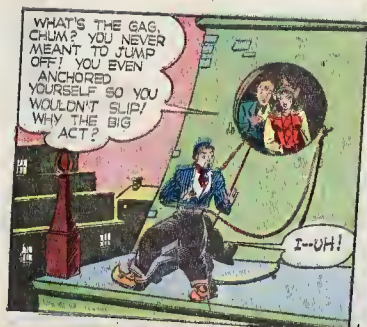
GOT 'IM!
HAUL
AWAY
BIFF!



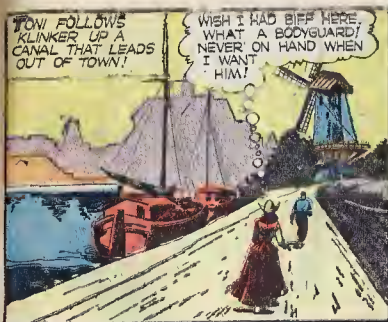
HEY!
WAIT A
MINUTE!
SOMETHING'S
PHONY
HERE!



GUNS AGAINST GANGSTERS



All comics are not alike. First read and compare them, then criticize.



TONI FOLLOWS
KLINKER UP A
CANAL THAT LEADS
OUT OF TOWN!

WISH I HAD BIFF HERE.
WHAT A BODYGUARD!
NEVER ON HAND WHEN
I WANT HIM!



BET KLINKER'S MEETING HIS
PALS IN THE WINDMILL. I'VE GOT
TO HEAR WHAT GOES ON!



I CAN'T TIPTOE UPSTAIRS IN
THESE WITHOUT SOUNDING LIKE
A HERD OF BUFFALO.



GOON...
GOOT, VERMEER!
I SEE YOU
GOT DER
BULBS.

OH BOY,
JUST
AS I
THOUGHT!



VILE DER FOOLS
LOOKED UP AT
YOU, VE TOOK
DER BULBS!

OUCH!



YOU? YOU
HEARD US?

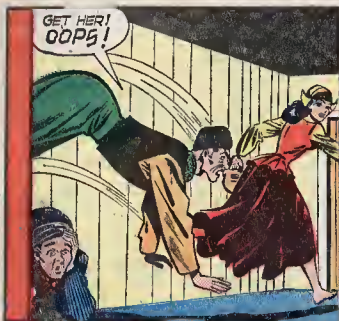
DOOH! I GOT A
SPLINTER IN
MY FOOT!



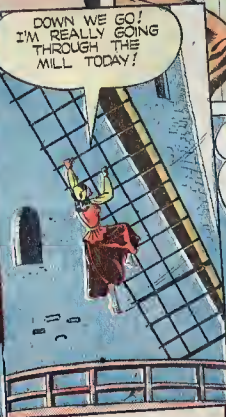
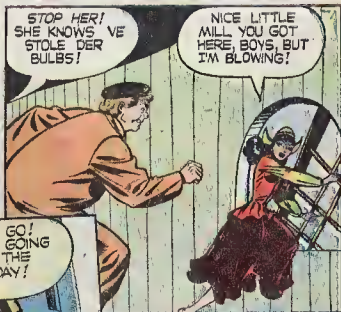
BUT THAT'S BETTER
THAN SPLINTERS IN
THE HEAD!

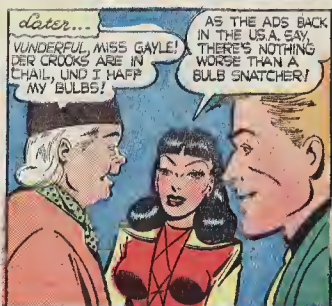
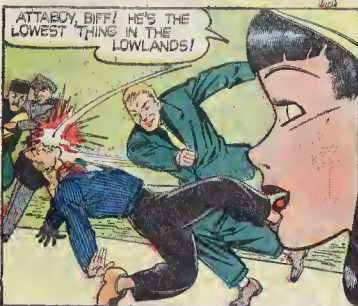
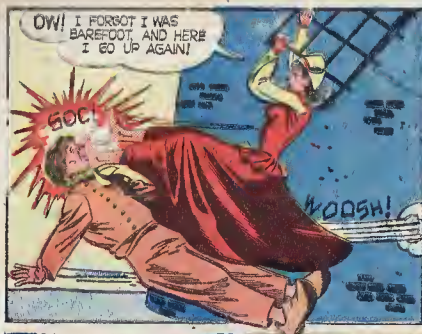
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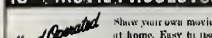
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